



April 2022

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 10th

Regular schedule

Children's Bell Choir during Worship

Maundy Thursday April 14th

Fellowship Hall 6:30pm

Good Friday April 15th

Church office closed

Easter Sunday April 17th

7:30am Sunrise Worship in Sunset Park, with communion

8am Breakfast at the church

8:45am Church School

10am Worship, communion, Adult Choir will sing



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Office Hours

Mon, Wed, and Fridays
8am-12pm Office open
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the following hours:**
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Monday- Thursday 1-4pm

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From the Pastor...

Friends,

Fredrick Buechner is one of my favorite authors. A quote of his that resonates with me as we celebrate Easter is this: "The worst isn't the last thing about the world. It's the next to the last thing. The last thing is the best. It's the power from on high that comes down into the world, that wells up from the rock-bottom worst of the world like a hidden spring. Can you believe it? The last, best thing is the laughing deep in the hearts of the saints, sometimes our hearts even. Yes. You are terribly loved and forgiven. Yes. You are healed. All is well."

All is well. The power from on high has come down into the world. Death has been conquered. The worst thing isn't the last thing. This gives me hope. Hope even in the face of war and inflation and cruelty and need. Hope in the face of indifference and anger and partisanship and hatred. The worst thing I can imagine is not the last thing. We have each been loved, forgiven, and healed. God is good. Jesus is alive. Happy Easter!

Pastor Erin



If you'd like to make an online donation to the ministry of United Presbyterian Church, go to our webpage (upcwash.org)

Checks may be sent to:
United Presbyterian Church
PO Box 32
Washington, Iowa 52353

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April Highlights

3rd Mission Market
5th Deacon Meeting
10th Palm Sunday
13th PW Circle
14th Maundy Thursday

14th Communion
17th Easter
17th Communion
18th Sewing Day
19th Finance
20th Session

The office will be closed on the 15th in observance of Easter.



WE ARE BLESSED AND A BLESSING:

Recently two church family members donated walkers to the church. When we realized we had none and felt they should be available, these two folks stepped up. We are blessed with their generosity.

The new monthly volunteer groups are working out well. They give each of us a chance to share our talents whether they be greeting, reading scripture, giving the children's sermon, helping in the nursery, assisting in a reception, etc. We are blessed with so many individuals sharing their talents each Sunday!

We are a blessing to grieving families through our prayers, by sharing our facility and in providing meals or other refreshments to the family and their guests. Thank you to all those who, sometimes on rather short notice, reach out in love and caring to our grieving church family members.

We have been a blessing to the Carson Grace Family who have felt the love and caring as we have lifted baby Carson up in our prayers. Additionally, the Carver Group and other have donated money to help the family with expenses for their California trip to see the specialist Carson needs for her care.

For several years our church has been the site of the once-a-month HACAP Mobile Food Pantry. In the warm months they've set-up in our parking lot. In the colder months they use tables in our fellowship Hall. While food has always been available at HACAP, it is now also available at the homeless shelter. It was decided by those who assist these individuals that the mobile pantry is more needed other places. Our UPC was privileged to donate space for this community need; we were a blessing, indeed.



Our website: <http://www.upcwash.org/>

Other ways to connect if the website isn't working:

Facebook - Washington United Presbyterian Church

Smart TV - download the Boxcast app and look for UPCWash - you can watch the stream from your TV this way!

Computer - Use the following link: <https://boxcast.tv/channelaozvuoqohexe93npq2xjr> for our boxcast page

If you do not have the technology to connect in these ways; or you're having problems using the technology you have, and you'd like help, please call the church office at 319-653-6588.



2 Joe Wright
2 Bonnie Bender
2 Anne Youngman
6 Dawn Ledger
9 Wayne Brock
9 Erin Kaye
11 Rob Johnson
12 Payton Anderson

12 John Dillon
12 Michael Dillon
13 Carolyn Bollman
13 Ann Conklin
13 Dalton Rich
15 Tyler Alderton
16 Laurie Davison
17 Rita Phipps

19 Joyce Wilson
20 Katie Rich
20 Thelma Wagner
21 Larry Bartlett
23 Elna Tompkins
25 Brad Alderton
25 Jordan Thorius
26 Jack Strabala

26 Joyce Crawford



CREW (Middle School Ministry)

Because of some Sunday afternoon conflicts and numbers, we are going to be meeting once a month. Our meeting for this month is TBD. We will be in touch!



Sunday School Class Structure for 2021-2022

8:45am

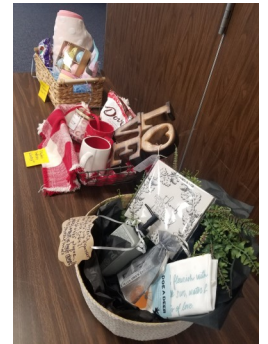
Birth - 4 yo Preschool: Upstairs in the Nursery
Kindergarten - 5th grade: Downstairs in Son City
6th - 8th grades: Jr High Room (Rat Pack)
9th - 12th grades: Youth Room

Inside Out (Senior High Ministry)

Apr 3rd: Mission Market after church
Apr 10th: 6:30pm @ UP Church
Apr 17: No meeting (Easter)
Apr 24th: 6:30pm @ UP Church

Inside Out: Mission Market - Sunday, April 3rd

This summer the Senior High Youth will be heading somewhere to serve for a week. The Mission Market is one of the primary ways that we raise money each year for our mission trips. This year we will be holding the Mission Market on Sunday, April 3rd. Join us right after church for a free will donation luncheon and a silent auction. We hope to see you all there!



Cuddeback sweet corn

Do You Like Fresh Sweetcorn?

As in the past, we are making sweet corn available through the Youth Mission Market that will be held on Sunday, April 3rd. We plant several varieties of sweet corn and do 12 plantings each spring and summer, so we have sweet corn available when you want it. This is a pick your own corn from the patch near our house six miles west of Washington.



Any donation amount is appreciated. Suggested donations are \$10 for 2 dozen ears, \$15 for 3 dozen ears, and \$25 for 6 dozen ears. Larger donations would give you unlimited trips to the sweet corn patch. You are welcome to spread your ears out over several trips.

Please make your donations to the Youth Mission Market Fund. You can drop them off at the church or mail them to the U.P. Church, Box 32, Washington. You do need to email us at jcud@cloudburst9.net when you make your donation so we can include you in our email list.

If you choose to donate, we will include you in the email list that we will send when the first corn is ready. As a reminder, the first sweet corn is usually ripe around July 10th and we should have sweet corn continuously available until mid-September.

Jim and Jane Cuddeback



Jan-Feb represents 16.7 of the year.
Our income came in at 15.26%
Our expenses came in at 13.51%



Articles for the May
newsletter are due
Wednesday, April 20th



“Musical Notes”

from Mary Jo

Adult Choir

Easter is approaching, and the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection will not be complete without special music. We plan to include an adult choir in our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 17. We welcome any and all adults (and teens if interested) to join us as we rehearse an Easter song entitled, “Crown Him (Majesty)”, a contemporary choral arrangement of a song written by a group of accomplished contemporary Christian music writers.

Rehearsals will be held in the church chapel at the end of the east wing of the church on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.: March 30, April 6, and April 13, with a final practice prior to worship on Sunday the 17th between Sunday School and worship. Please join us as we share together our talents and love of God and others through music!

Son City Kids and Parents

The sound of bells chiming during worship on January 30 really rang in the ears and hearts of those present in worship! Because the Son City children quickly mastered the color-coded handbells and made such beautiful music, we want to include them in our worship service again on Sunday, April 10. We will hold brief rehearsals during the first part of Son City Sunday School classes at 8:45 a.m. on March 27, April 3, and April 10. Thanks to class teachers Julie Zahs and Tracy Strabala for allowing the children to perfect their skills during Sunday School time, and for their enthusiastic support!



Easter CHOIR

Practice Wednesday Evenings
7pm - March 30, April 6 & April 13

The choir will sing Easter Sunday
(April 17) during worship

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome!



CALLING
ALL
VOICES

Our Mission Committee is quite concerned about the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and the surrounding countries assisting the refugees. Our committee is making a

contribution but would also suggest individual contributions be made to this crisis if you are able. Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church USA with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line.

Mail to: Presbyterian Church (USA)

PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



SATURDAY KITCHEN UPDATE



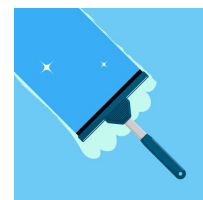
It's official, the Saturday Kitchen will begin again in a couple of months! With Sessions approval, the wheels are moving – preparing to contact former hosts about their participation once again. With that information then a new calendar will be created through 2022. Next a hosts' gathering or two will take place to. Finally, there will be much publicity about the "restart", trying to reconnect with our guests to let them know when our start date will be. Then . . . each Saturday we'll have guests for a noon meal once again!

Someone said to me (Marde), "I heard a rumor that the Saturday Kitchen is going to start again. I can't tell you how excited some of the individuals I know are. They can't wait to meet their friends again each Saturday and to have a yummy meal." We are truly blessing by meeting a need for some in our community for a free meal and the fellowship it provides.

Joe and Marde McConnell, Saturday Kitchen Coordinators

INDOOR CLEAN-UP Thank you!

Thanks to the nearly 20 people who showed up for our indoor cleaning! There were young and not so young alike who helped with our "spring cleaning." All the upstairs windows were washed, cobwebs were swished away, pews were vacuumed of crumbs, all entryways including the floors were cleaned and even the kitchen floor was swept and mopped – not even on our list!



It was a good time of tasks being accomplished but also a super fun time of laughter and great conversations!

UP Church Family, you're the best! Thanks from the UP Welcome Team

Baby Shower!!



As in the past, the Welcome Team is planning a baby shower! Church member Megan El Haoud is expecting a baby girl in May, how exciting! When we asked Megan and "put her on the spot", she shared they'd very much like to have a baby stroller/car seat combo. For those who would like to make a donation to this special gift, you may do so anytime at the church office or Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall.

If you prefer to give another gift, they are registered on Amazon.com - also disposable diapers would be a huge blessing, too.



IT'S PICTURE TAKING TIME

We on the Welcome Team have been discussing the big need for an updated photo Church Directory. Well, it's in the works!



April 3rd, Mission Market Sunday, Dayton Schluetter will be taking pictures before and after Sunday School and after worship. This is our first scheduled time, with others in the planning stage. We, of course, will make arrangements for those of you who watch us virtually, too.

If you'd prefer to just submit a photo, we're very OK with that, too! We just want to "see" you and have your updated contact info. We know you, our church family, want that, too!

Please mark your calendar for April 3rd and come to church with a smile and plan to support our youth at their Mission Market, too.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Alicia and Cyrus Andrews transferred their membership to us from St. Andrews Presbyterian in Iowa City. They live at 701 E. Jefferson in an older home, a great place where their daughters can play. Joanie is a fun kindergartener and Leda is a joy in our nursery/pre-school class. Cyrus is an arborist and Alicia is a well-liked 3rd grade teacher at Lincoln Upper Elementary. Welcome, Andrews Family!



Carrie and Jase Septer Family of 7 is a busy family! Jase does custom welding and helps a contractor brother. Carrie works from home helping foster families for Four Oaks in Cedar Rapids. When not home schooling they love to go camping and spend time with their extended families. Check out their front porch at 427 E. Main St., complete with adorable little kids' chairs for Annabelle, 8; Emily, 6; Ruby, 4 and one of these days, little chairs for twins Katie and Jack.

The Pam and Tou Vongpanya Family has Cameron, grade 11; Avery, grade 6; and Brennen, grade 2. They love to travel to new places and also to visit family. Tou grew up in Fairfield, Pam in Minnesota and later Mt. Pleasant. Pam and Tou have lived in many different places, a favorite being Colorado but came to Washington 15 years ago when Cameron was 18 months old. Tou works for US Cellular as a Network Field Engineer and Pam stays home but enjoys being a substitute teacher when she's able. They love Washington and the schools for their boys. And, Pam says, "We love our church and the wonderful people in it!"



Next month we'll be introducing you to new member and piano player, Rita Schonhoff!

Welcome, ALL, to our UP Church Family! We hope you feel our love and caring for you, and that you will grow in your faith as together we Love God and Love Others.



EASTER FLOWERS

Once again this Easter, we will be displaying plants within our Sanctuary. After the worship service the plants will be taken to those of our church family who are unable to worship with us. May's newsletter will include the names of those who purchase one or more of these plants and to whom "it honors" or to whom it "is in memory of." The cost for plants is \$15. You can either stop in the church office or call at 319-653-6588.

Deadline to purchase plants is Sunday, April 10th.



PW Circle Meeting

We meet the second Wednesday of the month in the church lounge at 9am

All are welcome to come, please wear a mask

This year's new Bible study is "What my Grandmothers Taught Me"

Looking at the women in Jesus' genealogy



Volunteer Opportunity- Winterset, Iowa Tornado Response

A group is forming to go to Winterset, Iowa area to help with tornado clean-up.

We will be mainly picking up debris and helping to clean the area. There is also still a need for some larger equipment to help move fallen trees and logs.

We will leave around 6 am and return around 6 pm on the same day. Dates are Saturday, April 2 or Friday, April 15.

If you're interested in going on one or both of the available days, please contact Pastor Erin through email at PastorErinKaye@gmail.com.

If you have heavy equipment you're willing to take, please contact Pastor Erin.

An Update from your Board of Deacons

Your Board of Deacons would like to be of assistance to you! We want to assist you in whatever way might be helpful to you,--- whether it is to run an errand, pray with you, pick up some groceries, or a visit over the telephone, etc. Give Deacon Larry Bartlett a call (cell 319-591-1528 or home 319-653-6931) or email at Bartzoman@gmail.com and he will be glad to make the arrangements for transportation. Along with Larry the other deacons are Terry Mangold, Rod Letts, Betty Beenblossom, Judy Wertz and Payton Anderson. Feel free to contact any of these folks if we can help you stay safe and healthy. May the Peace of Christ be with each of you!